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1. COL. DAO TRONG TUONG, WHO BECAME MAYOR OF DANANG AUGUST 1, GAVE HIS FIRST BRIEFING AS MAYOR AT AN MR-I MONTHLY COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE OCTOBER 28. TUONG'S BRIEFING PROVIDED AN INTEREST-ING OVERVIEW OF THE VARIED PROBLEMS HE FACES: THE RECENTLY ACQUIRED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL 30 REFUGEE CAMPS IN DANANG AND QUANG NAM PROVINCE; HEALTH PROGRAMS; CRIME; RICE; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. TUONG STRESSED DANANG'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. DANANG'S CURRENT POPULATION IS APPROXIMATELY 470,000, HE SAID, MANY OF WHOM ARE UNEMPLOYED FORMER REFUGEES WHO ONCE WORKED FOR THE U.S. MILITARY BUT WHO NOW FIND THEMSELVES WITH SAVINGS EXHAUSTED, AND LACKING SKILLS. TUONG SAW TWO POSSIBILITIES TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM: RESETTLEMENT SOUTH, AND/OR INDUSTRIALIZATION. HE SAID THAT DR. PHAN QUANG DAN UNDERSTANDS DANANG'S PROBLEM AND IS WILLING TO HELP RELOCATE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM DANANG TO THE SOUTH, BUT THAT DAN MUST GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO RESETTLING OR RETURNING-TO-VILLAGE IN-CAMP REFUGEES.

3. REGARDING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS. DANANG'S INDUSTRIAL ZONE IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY WAR VICTIMS. SOME FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARE STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF IN-VESTING IN DANANG, AND THERE MAY BE SOME PROGRESS IN THIS AREA IN THE FUTURE, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES CONTINUE.

4. VETERANS HOUSING REMAINS A PROBLEM. ALTHOUGH THE CITY HAS FUNDS TO BUILD 300 HOUSES FOR VETERANS DURING 1973, THERE HAS BEEN NO LAND AVAILABLE IN DANANG TO BUILD THEM. TUONG ASKED MR-I COMMANDER NGO QUANG TRUONG TO DECIDE WHETHER THE CITY COULD HAVE FOR THIS PURPOSE A PIECE OF LAND IN DANANG'S THIRD DISTRICT CURRENTLY USED BY ARVN ENGINEERS.

5. SO FAR DANANG HAS EXPERIENCED NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFI-CULTIES CONCERNING RICE, TUONG REPORTED. HE PLEDGED TO COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH THE REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF RICE ENTERING AND LEAVING DANANG IN ORDER TO IMPROVE DISTRIBUTION AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF RICE AVAILABLE TO THE PROVINCES.
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6. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MAYOR'S PRESENTATION, GENERAL TRUONG CONGRATULATED TUONG ON THE RESULTS HE HAS ACHIEVED THUS FAR IN DANANG. TRUONG ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT TUONG SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTON TO THE DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR STAFF, WHERE HE HAD NOTED A DECLINE IN DISCIPLINE. IN ADDITION, TRUONG NOTED THAT ON A RECENT VISIT TO THE SPECIAL SECTOR HE HAD DISCOVERED TWO YOUNG JUVENILE DELINQUENTS WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED

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AND HELD BY THE SPECIAL SECTOR FOR MORE THAN 10 DAYS. TRUONG
SAID THE YOUNGSTERS SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN HELD SO LONG.
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